

Lewis Tappan. Feb. 3. 1845.

New York, Feb. 3/45.

Dear Bro. Phelps,

Boston,

Yours of Jan. 28th was duly rec^d, with the papers accompanying it.

It is more convenient to publish a Union Mission [&] any than a Reporter because we have friends to print the former, and I have to advance to print the latter, if not ^{lose} pay it eventually myself. Can not your letter to the Secretaries appropriately go into a U. M.?

It will be important to publish the Cor. with the Sec^y before the Convention.

With respect to the 'Call' I should have preferred that it contain some facts showing the necessity of the step - some reference to the loud cry for such a measure; - that it be more exclusive in its character, but we should be outvoted; that more should be invited who are not opposed to the aristocratic & self-perpetuating features of old Boards, and who not think more direct efforts should be made against slavery; and I would go further & say more are invited but those who think it wrong to solicit or receive money from slaveholders knowing them to be such. The word "conflict" with these Boards may need explanation. Instead of "abruptly" I should prefer "unadvisedly", where you allude to their leaving other Societies. It should, I think, be specific & strong, but expressed very cautiously. These are my thoughts on making your draft.

The draft of the letter to 'King B.' is excellent.

I will advance the money to print the call in circular form & send it out for signatures, and for postages.

The Witness was sent to me by Mr Sturge. I wrote him as spirited a letter as I could about Dr Chalmers' letter & desired him to have the Witness community agitated about it. He took it to Edinburgh & influenced the com. there to "ban the embers". You see part of the result. The Belfast "Banner" takes ground opposite to the Witness. The latter is the organ of the Free chh.

I should not be surprised if Dr Cenneryham writes some of the editorials. Your idea of writing Dr. C. is a good one. Send the letter to Sturge to be printed in England or Scotland. Such a letter will do great good. I would not be at the north to ^{send it in} ~~see~~ to Chalmers. }
No package from Mr Carlisle has been rec^d.

When rec^d I will forward it.

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Capt. Knight, of the London packet ship Switzerland, is to sail
10th inst for London, and will take anything for you - letters or parcels &
bring anything back if directed to me. He is an abolitionist - a Liberty
party man - and trades regularly between this port & London. He usually
sails about 30 days after arriving here, and ~~returns~~ so on the other
side.

~~Very much interested in the subject~~

I will soon send you some money. You will be well entitled
to \$150 more, & sometime this month I will pay it. Should I not do
it I shall be glad to be reminded of it.

A very sensible man has informed me that the East Reporter
is the best paper of the kind he has ever seen. Do you think it right
for me to be so placed as to be the subject of such compliments? I
think not.

Truly yours
Lewis Tappan